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Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, January 28, 1879, with transcript

Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel (Hubbard) Bell. L Boston, January 28th, 1879. My dear May:

I am going out to Salem with Mr. Sanders in a few minutes and I cannot have an opportunity of writing to you by tonight's post excepting just now — so this scribble must be an apology for a letter.

The cross-examination of Mr. Renwick has been completed to-day and all agree that it would have been much better for the opposing counsel to have waived their right to cross-examination as their cross-examination has only done harm to their side. I am so glad your father is coming for I feel sure that if he can only meet the other Directors face to face — and smooth down the ruffled feelings of certain of them — all will come out right. The meeting of the Stockholders of the Bell Telephone Company will be held shortly and I want you to send me full power to act for you. I think that your large interest should appoint a Director independently of any other interest — and I think you better give me power to vote for myself as a Director in your interest — or if you don't want me to be a Director — give me the name of some one you would trust as Director and who would have no interest excepting yours — and I will propose him. Mr. Sanders has his watch in his hand hurrying me — and he says we will lose our train if I don't stop.

With ever so much love.

Your loving, Alec.